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REMARKS

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1. On 24 November 1951, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Halle (M 52/D 92) was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. No training activity was noticed. Trucks seen in barracks traffic

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2. On 19 November, a column of T-34 tanks, SP guns and trucks passed through Halle, coming from the direction of Bitterfeld (M 52/E 14). It included: T-34 tanks with a white Soviet star; tanks with a red Soviet star in a white field; and tanks without marking; SP guns and trucks

3. On 20 November, 10 T-34 tanks, were seen driving from the Halle freight yard toward the city. (3)

4. On 10 November, the Reil Kaserne on Reilstrasse, Halle, was occupied by a unit of troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. an MGB unit. (4)

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5. On 15 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee, Halle, quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Seven T-34 tanks mounting 85-mm guns and 8 JS tanks were observed in the installation. Motor vehicles seen there

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6. On 15 November, the Flak Kaserne in Halle-Woermlitz was occupied by a unit of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the units of the 21st Gds Meez Div carried in the collective billeting area of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne and Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Halle, are believed to be the division headquarters; the 19th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt or elements of it; the 54th Gds How Arty Regt; the 136th Gds Mort Regt; the 2505th (?) Gds AAA Regt; the unidentified Gds Sig Bn and unidentified Gds Engr Bn; the 114th (?) Gds Mtrcl Bn; the unidentified motor transport battalion and driver school. [redacted] Sizable components of these units first participated in the engineer exercise held in the Dessau-Aken area in the first half of May 1951. The bulk of the division subsequently moved to the troop training grounds. Major elements of the 21st Gds Meez Div from Halle were again observed participating in the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army in the Dessau-Bitterfeld area at the end of October 1951. [redacted] of the 50X1-HUM
- aforementioned units, the 54th Gds How Arty Regt, the 136th Gds Mort Regt and the unidentified motor transport battalion were back in their barracks installations in November 1951. Vehicles [redacted] of the 50X1-HUM
- 69th Gds Meez Regt from Leipzig-Schoenau, which are mentioned in paragraph 5 as having been observed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, vaguely indicate that the regiment was transferred to Halle. It is a distinct possibility that the 69th Gds Meez Regt of the 21st Gds Meez Div was withdrawn from the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau, because [redacted] analysis definitely 50X1-HUM
- indicated that components of the 8th Gds Meez Div from Chemnitz were newly stationed there. However, confirmation is required.
- (2) [redacted] the unit is the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtr Rifle Div from Weissenfels, which may have been returning from the Dessau-Bitterfeld maneuver area of the Eighth Gds Army. However, the river-crossing exercise there had been completed as early as 29 October 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted]
- (4) The information indicates that the Weil Kaserne still quarters MGB personnel.
- (5) The information is not specific enough to determine the occupation of the 50X1-HUM
- Flak Kaserne, Weermilitz, after the return of the units from the summer and fall maneuvers.

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